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A digest of news stories spotlighting the great work taking place at UTMB.



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In Texas, a coastal city tries to test its way out of coronavirus pandemic

Reuters, April 23, 2020

This national feature story focuses on testing efforts in Galveston County, noting that few U.S. counties are testing for the coronavirus as aggressively as Galveston County. According to the story, county residents are being tested at a rate three times the national average. UTMB's **Chris Toomes** explains it was a big effort early in the year to acquire supplies needed for testing. "We put two of our own buyers in the lab to work directly with the lab team to scour the planet for supplies," Toomes said. "We knew everybody at some point was going to want these materials." The story was published on U.S. News & World Report, The Guardian, Swissinfo, Yahoo! News, MSN News and other media outlets.

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Galveston bio lab explains connections to Wuhan

The Galveston County Daily News, April 23, 2020

A local story on the Galveston National Laboratory's historical relationship with the high-containment lab in Wuhan. Through time, the GNL has hosted Chinese scientists for training to work in the high-containment lab. Between 2008 and 2016, the GNL Biocontainment Training Center trained scientists from about 70 countries. According to UTMB's **James Le Duc**, there are redundant safety mechanisms built into all biocontainment laboratories to reduce the risks of accidental exposures. *[See the attached file for the full text of the story.]*

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